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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Delete the paragraph on page 2 that follows the heading "Summary of the Invention."

On page 2, after the heading "Summary of the Invention," add the following paragraphs:

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In one aspect, the invention is directed to a gaming apparatus, comprising: a video display that is capable of generating video images; a value input device; a hopper; and a cashless payout apparatus. The gaming apparatus is programmed to determine a player cash out amount and to determine if the cashless payout apparatus is available for the player cash out amount. The gaming apparatus is also programmed to compare the player cash out amount to a coin pay limit and to determine if a split pay option is available if the player cash out

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